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Letter dated 5 November 2010 from the Permanent Representative of Guatemala to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

I have the honour to write you regarding the agenda of the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly, and more specifically the item entitled "The situation in Central America: progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development". As you are aware, in conformity with General Assembly decision 60/508, this item remains on the agenda for consideration, but only upon notification by a Member State.

During the previous two sessions of the General Assembly, we have availed ourselves of this agenda item to bring to the attention of the General Assembly the consideration of the International Commission against Impunity in Guatemala. The agreement between the Government of Guatemala and the United Nations that established the Commission entered into force on 4 September 2007, providing for a two-year mandate, which was extended for an additional two years through an exchange of letters between the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Guatemala (20 March 2009) and the Secretary-General (15 April 2009). The General Assembly took note of these developments in adopting resolution 64/7 on 28 October 2009. At the time, in paragraph 6, the Secretary-General was requested to keep the General Assembly informed of the work of the Commission.

To allow the Secretary-General to comply with this request, we would respectfully request that the present letter be considered a formal notification, as contemplated in decision 60/508, to include in the calendar of the sixty fifth session the agenda item mentioned earlier, in order to follow up on the implementation of resolutions 64/7 and 63/19. We believe that the consideration of this matter will not occupy much time of the plenary, judging from past experience. I also request that this letter be circulated among Member States as a document of the General Assembly.

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